

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: Chairman Wanda Grinde, on February 6, 2009 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 137 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Wanda Grinde, Chairman (D)
Rep. Mark Blasdel, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Robin Hamilton, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Russell Bean (R)
Rep. Paul Beck (D)
Rep. Joel Boniek (R)
Rep. Frosty Boss Ribs (D)
Rep. Dee Brown (R)
Rep. Edward B. Butcher (R)
Rep. John Fleming (D)
Rep. Bob Lake (R)
Rep. Sue Malek (D)
Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)
Rep. Bob Wagner (R)
Rep. Ted Washburn (R)
Rep. Franke Wilmer (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Debbie Carlson, Committee Secretary
Jeremy Gersovitz, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 67, 2/2/2009; SJ 4, 2/2/2009

Executive Action: HB 335, HB 56, HB 47, HB 198

00:00:00 Chairman Grinde
00:04:56 Mr. Gersovitz
00:05:37 Chairman Grinde

HEARING ON SJ 4

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:05:50 Sen. Rick Laible (R), SD 44, opened the hearing on
SJ 4, Study option for improving administrative
efficiencies in school system.

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony:

00:12:16 Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards Association
00:14:13 Marco Ferro, MEA/MFT
00:15:34 Steve Meloy, Executive Director, Board of Education
00:18:18 Kellen Alger, Montana Rural Educator's Association

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:19:14 Rep. Lake
00:19:57 Mr. Vogel
00:21:36 Rep. Lake
00:21:47 Mr. Vogel
00:22:41 Rep. Bean
00:23:31 Sen. Laible
00:24:25 Rep. Butcher
00:25:38 Sen. Laible
00:29:07 Rep. Malek
00:29:40 Sen. Laible
00:31:18 Rep. Beck
00:31:41 Sen. Laible

Closing by Sponsor:

00:33:34 Sen. Laible

HEARING ON SB 67

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:36:14 Sen. Rick Laible (R), SD 44, opened the hearing on SB 67, Require funding before school rules with fiscal impact implemented.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

00:40:46 Steve Meloy, Executive Director, Board of Education

00:54:25 Bob Vogel, School Boards Association

EXHIBIT (edh28a01)

01:02:12 Marco Ferro, MEA/MFT

01:06:22 Bob Runkle, Acting Deputy Superintendent, Office of Public Instruction

01:08:23 Charlene Suckow, Volunteer, Retired Educator's Association

01:09:26 Kellen Alger, Montana Rural Educator's Association

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:09:47 Rep. Wagner

01:10:43 Mr. Vogel

01:11:52 Rep. Wagner

01:12:42 Mr. Vogel

01:13:56 Rep. Wagner

01:14:40 Mr. Vogel

01:15:07 Rep. Lake

01:16:08 Sen. Laible

01:17:13 Rep. Lake

01:18:19 Sen. Laible

01:18:33 Rep. Butcher

01:20:22 Mr. Vogel

01:22:05 Rep. Butcher

01:22:53 Mr. Vogel

01:24:11 Rep. Brown

01:25:15 Mr. Meloy

01:25:29 Chairman Grinde

01:26:33 Mr. Meloy

Closing by Sponsor:

01:27:26 Sen. Laible

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 335

01:44:10 Rep. Hamilton

01:45:09 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Washburn moved that **HB 335 BE TABLED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 56

01:45:38 **Motion:** Rep. Bean moved that **HB 56 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

01:46:27 Rep. Bean

01:47:18 Rep. Brown

01:48:32 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Lake moved that **HB 56 BE TABLED**. Motion failed 8-8 by roll call vote with Reps. Blasdel, Bean, Boniek, Brown, Butcher, Lake, Wagner, and Washburn voting aye.

01:50:52 Rep. Wagner

01:51:46 Rep. Bean

01:52:45 Chairman Grinde

01:53:27 Rep. Lake

01:54:18 Rep. Butcher

01:56:58 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-7 by roll call vote with Reps. Blasdel, Boniek, Brown, Lake, Butcher, Wagner and Washburn voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 47

01:58:49 **Motion:** Chairman Grinde moved that **HB 47 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

02:00:13 Rep. Lake

02:01:22 Rep. McClafferty

02:02:12 Rep. Malek

02:03:16 Rep. Brown

02:03:47 Rep. McClafferty

02:04:25 Rep. Bean

02:05:31 Rep. Fleming

02:06:25 Rep. Hamilton

02:06:52 **Vote:** Motion failed 8-8 by roll call vote with Reps. Hamilton, Wilmer, Fleming, Malek, McClafferty, Beck, Boss Ribs and Grinde voting aye.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 198

02:08:25 **Motion:** Rep. Hamilton moved **HB 198 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

02:08:36 Rep. Wilmer
02:09:04 Rep. Hamilton
02:09:20 Rep. Wilmer
02:09:34 Rep. Hamilton
02:10:50 Rep. Brown
02:11:34 Rep. Hamilton
02:11:42 Rep. Brown
02:12:18 Rep. Hamilton
02:12:35 Rep. Wilmer
02:13:43 Rep. Lake
02:14:40 Rep. Blasdel
02:15:25 Rep. Fleming
02:15:59 Rep. Bean
02:17:12 Rep. Butcher
02:19:17 Rep. Beck
02:20:38 Rep. Malek
02:21:35 Chairman Grinde

02:22:10 **Vote:** Motion failed 8-8 by roll call vote with Reps.
Hamilton, Wilmer, Fleming, Malek, McClafferty, Beck
Boss Ribs and Grinde voting aye.

02:23:01 Chairman Grinde

ADJOURNMENT

02:30:44 Adjournment: 5:30 P.M.

Debbie Carlson, Secretary

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Additional Exhibit:

EXHIBIT (edh28a02) Document re: K-12 Public Schools Facility
Condition Assessment

Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT (edh28aad.pdf)